

Read 6 for Sweet Summer Success



We are encouraging our students to read a minimum of 6 books over the summer to avoid the “summer slide” or loss of reading skills. Students must turn in a reading log or a RC! report from Watermelon Wednesdays to their 2011/12 teachers to document their reading in order to participate in our Sweet Summer Success Celebration in August. We are encouraging students to choose books within their independent reading range (at or up to 250 below and 50 above their Lexile level). Our media center will once again be open for “Watermelon Wednesdays” during the summer – June 8, June 29, July 20 and August 10 from 12 noon to 4:00 PM. For safety reasons, an adult must accompany children to the media center.

The following sites offer lists suitable for summer reading and activities for students as well as parents:

<http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/>

Join Scholastic’s Summer Challenge and be part of a team quest to eat, sleep, and dream books all summer! Find great reads, play book-based games, and help Scholastic support Save the Children! Your minutes can also count toward the World Record Challenge.

<http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet/>

Rex and Bailey have searched high and low, all over the web, and found these great resources to help you and your family discover some great activities and book lists to enjoy this summer.

Florida’s First Lady Ann Scott and the Florida Department of Education’s Just Read, Florida! office proudly announces the 2011 Summer Literacy Adventure! This is a great resource for various websites and reading tips. Check it out on the DeSoto Trail Webpage at <http://www.desoto-trail.leon.k12.fl.us/default.aspx>, then go to the “Documents” link, then “Summer Reading: Read 6 for Sweet Summer Success.”

<http://justreadfamilies.org/>

Just Read, Families! is a summer reading program which provides parents with information about actively reading with their children during the summer months.

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp>

Kids read any eight books – library books, books borrowed from friends or books bought at Barnes & Noble – write about their favorite part, and bring a completed form to a Barnes & Noble bookstore. The theme for 2011 is “Imagination’s Destination”.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/>

Great ideas for building literacy activities into your everyday schedule and summertime travels. Browse resources for parents, teachers, and librarians.